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SUBJECT: 2008 Penn State Agronomic Field Diagnostic Clinic

Purpose: To announce the opportunity to attend the 2008 Penn State Agronomic Field Diagnostic Clinic.

Targeted Audience. Employees with a large agronomic-based workload.

Background: This one-day field clinic is designed to improve the agronomic management skills of industry personnel, extension and public agents, crop consultants, and producers. Specialists from Penn State and the agricultural community will provide hands-on diagnosis training in crop production, pest management, soil fertility, and soil and water conservation. Participants will be involved in a variety of topics and have ample opportunity to diagnose, solve, and discuss crop management problems and situations, and evaluate new and alternative management strategies. Practical information about interacting factors (nutrients, pests, environmental stress) that effect crop management and are unique to Northeastern agriculture can be discussed. In addition to gaining practical agronomic knowledge CCA, nutrient management and pesticide applicator license credits can be obtained.

This Field Diagnostic Clinic is also one of the options under the No-Till/Cover Crop Continuing Education Requirements for NRCS Certified Conservation Planners, including Independent Consultants/Technical Service Providers and Conservation District employees certified by NRCS.

The clinic is offered on Tuesday, July 22 and on Wednesday, July 23. It is a one-day event; interested parties will choose one of the dates to attend.

If you are interested in attending, please obtain approval from your supervisor for attendance and overnight travel, if needed. The Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations must approve all travel. Upon approval, please send your registration form (attached) to your Area Administrative Coordinator by Tuesday, July 15 2008. The Procurement Agent will be in travel status during the registration deadline; therefore, all registration fees will be paid by the appropriate Area Administrative Coordinator.

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